

Executive Order 2008-20
To Spend Money from the Health Crisis Fund on Measles Outbreak Control

WHEREAS, measles is one of the most contagious diseases with the potential for explosive spread; and

WHEREAS, measles is potentially lethal and can cause pneumonia, seizures and permanent brain damage; and

WHEREAS, several measles cases have been identified in Pima County; and

WHEREAS aggressive and timely outbreak control measures, such as isolation, quarantine, post exposure vaccination or immune globulin, contact tracing, suspect case follow-up, and special vaccination clinics, are expensive and resource intensive; and

WHEREAS, these aggressive public health measures require timely laboratory testing of measles specimens by the Arizona State Laboratory; and

WHEREAS, more than 2,000 potentially exposed individuals have required monitoring; and

WHEREAS, these circumstances are neither a contingency nor an emergency pursuant to A.R.S. § 35-192 because they require neither state-municipal resource coordination nor Department of Emergency and Military Affairs assistance;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Arizona Constitution and the laws of the State, declare a significant potential for a health crisis in the State, and hereby order as follows:

1. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-797, the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) shall be transferred from the Health Crisis Fund to the Department of Health Services to provide resources to control the measles outbreak.
2. The Department of Health Services shall expend all moneys transferred pursuant to this Order on measures to control the measles outbreak in Arizona and shall report to the Legislature and the Governor by June 30, 2009 on the expenditure of all sums so transferred.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

J. S. Nye
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this 24 day of April in the Year Two Thousand and Eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-second.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
SECRETARY OF STATE